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SUBJ: LEBANESE COMPLAINT REGARDING DIPLOMATIC POUCH

1. AMB GHORRA (LEBANON) HAS COMPLAINED THAT DIPLOMATIC POUCH FORWARDED TO LEBANESE MISSION FROM BEIRUT DEC. 14 WAS TAMPERED WITH.

2. AFTER COMPLAINT WAS RECEIVED, USUN OFFICER VISITED LEBANESE MISSION WHERE HE MET WITH YAHYA MAHMASSANI, COUNCELLOR OF MISSION. MAHMASSANI CLAIMED THAT SEAL WAS MISSING WHEN BAG WAS RECEIVED AND BAG WAS CLOSED ON TOP WITH STRING. STRING WAS CUT AND BAG WAS OPENED IN PRESENCE OF USUN OFFICER. AFTER EXAMINING CONTENTS, MAHMASSANI STATED THAT NOTHING APPEARED TO BE MISSING, BUT ASKED THAT A CHECK BE CONDUCTED TO ASCERTAIN WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO POUCH WHILE ENROUTE FROM BEIRUT TO LEBANESE MISSION.

3. BAG WAS SENT VIA MEA AIRLINES ON DECEMBER 14 TH TO AMSTERDAM. KLM AIRLINES PICKED BAG UP THERE AND CARRIED IT TO NEW YORK. BAG WAS THEN PICKED UP BY M AND W MESSENGER SERVICE AND DELIVERED TO LEBANESE MISSION ON DECEMBER 19. AT OUR REQUEST, LEBANESE PHONED MESSENGER SERVICE AND ASKED ABOUT CONDITION OF POUCH WHEN MESSENGER PICKED IT UP FROM KLM AIRLINES. UNFORTUNATELY, MESSENGER DID NOT RECALL CONDITION OF POUCH.

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4. WE HAVE CONTACTED SENIOR KLM OFFICIAL WHO IS CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION AND WILL ADVISE US SHORTLY OF WHAT HE HAS LEARNED.
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